Water shortage in Hyderabad

1368. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations consultant for Asian countries has expressed the view that replenishing old tanks with treated sewage water will mitigate water shortage in Hyderabad to a great extent;

(b) if so, whether any concrete programme of action has been initiated by the State Government with the help of World Bank;

(c) whether the projects that were undertaken have been fully completed;

(d) whether Kagna river which is located nearVikrabad and merges into Bhima river in Karnataka could have provided drinking water projects; and

(e) if so, whether any proposal in this regard is also being considered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a, to (e) Information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Allowing private parties to draw water from Periyar

1369. SHRI CO. POULOSE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govemment are aware of any proposal allowing private parties to draw water from the river Periyar in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal alongwith the conditions and the period for which sanction has been given;

(c) whether any feasibility study has been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the river is already in trouble due to reduced flow of water and intrusion of salt water from the sea;

(f) if so, whether such projects will result in further degradation of the river and the environment; and